

Three Delaware schools earn national Blue Ribbon honors

Three Delaware schools are among the 362 schools that U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos recognized today as National Blue Ribbon Schools for 2019. The recognition is based on a school's overall academic performance or progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups.

Red Clay Consolidated School District's The Charter School of Wilmington and Delaware Military Academy and Christina School District's West Park Place Elementary School are among the 312 public and 50 non-public schools that will be honored at an awards ceremony November 14 and 15 in Washington, D.C.

School leaders will be invited to attend the national awards ceremony with a teacher representative from each of their schools.

The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private elementary, middle and high schools where students achieve very high learning standards or are making notable improvements in closing the achievement gap.

This coveted award affirms the hard work of educators, families and communities in creating safe and welcoming schools where students master challenging and engaging content. Now in its 37th year, the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program has bestowed recognition on more than 9,000 schools.

The department recognizes all schools in one of two performance categories, based on all student scores, student subgroup scores and graduation rates:

- **Exemplary High Performing Schools** are among their state's highest performing schools as measured by state assessments or

nationally normed tests.

• Exemplary Achievement Gap Closing Schools are among their state's highest performing schools in closing achievement gaps between a school's student groups and all students.

Up to 420 schools may be nominated each year. The Department invites National Blue Ribbon School nominations from the top education official in all states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, the Department of Defense Education Activity, and the Bureau of Indian Education. Private schools are nominated by The Council for American Private Education (CAPE).

A listing of all National Blue Ribbon Schools in Delaware:

Charter School of Wilmington Wilmington 2019
Delaware Military Academy Wilmington 2019
West Park Place Elementary School Newark 2019
Cedar Lane Elementary School Middletown 2018
Lake Forest South Elementary School Harrington 2018
Selbyville Middle School Selbyville 2018
East Millsboro Elementary School Millsboro 2017
Olive B. Loss Elementary School Bear 2017
Seaford Central Elementary School Seaford 2017
Christ the Teacher Catholic School Newark 2016
Dover Air Force Base Middle School Dover 2016
Newark Charter School Newark 2016
St John the Beloved School Wilmington 2016
Sussex Academy Georgetown 2016
Cape Henlopen High School Lewes 2015
Lake Forest East Elementary School Frederica 2015
W. B. Simpson Elementary School Wyoming 2015
The Academy of Dover Dover 2014
John M. Clayton Elementary School Frankford 2014
Lake Forest North Elementary School Felton 2014
The Charter School of Wilmington Wilmington 2013
Richard A. Shields Elementary School Lewes 2013
Allen Frear Elementary School Dover 2013

Linden Hill Elementary School Wilmington 2012
Harry O. Eisenberg Elementary School New Castle 2012
Star Hill Elementary School Dover 2012
West Park Place Elementary School Newark 2011
Long Neck Elementary School Millsboro 2011
Nellie Hughes Stokes Elementary School Dover 2011
Christ the Teacher Catholic School Newark 2010
Newark Charter School Newark 2010
Robert S. Gallaher Elementary School Newark 2010
Woodbridge Elementary School Greenwood 2010
Marbrook Elementary School Wilmington 2009
East Millsboro Elementary School Millsboro 2008
Sussex Technical High School Georgetown 2008
Lancashire Elementary School Wilmington 2007
Etta J. Wilson Elementary School Newark 2007
Joseph M. McVey Elementary School Newark 2007
North Georgetown Elementary School Georgetown 2006
Lake Forest East Elementary School Frederica 2006
Fairview Elementary School Dover 2006
Long Neck Elementary School Millsboro 2005
Booker T. Washington Elementary School Dover 2005
Lulu M. Ross Elementary School Milford 2004
Frankford Elementary School Frankford 2004
Phillip C. Showell Elementary School Selbyville 2003
Corpus Christi Elementary School Wilmington 2001
Lord Baltimore Elementary School Ocean View 2001
Padua Academy Wilmington 1996
Seaford Middle School Seaford 1996
Sussex Technical High School Georgetown 1996
St. Matthew School Wilmington 1992
Corpus Christi School Wilmington 1990
Dover High School Dover 1987
Skyline Middle School Wilmington 1985
Christiana High School Newark 1984
Caesar Rodney Senior High School Camden 1984
Brandywine High School Wilmington 1983
Shue Middle School Newark 1983

Photographs and brief descriptions of the 2019 National Blue Ribbon Schools are available at <http://www.ed.gov/nationalblueribbonschools>

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